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For: **COMPOSITE LAMINATE STRUCTURES ESPECIALLY  
USEFUL FOR AUTOMOTIVE TRIM COMPONENTS, AND  
METHODS AND TIE LAYERS EMPLOYED TO MAKE  
THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION<sup>1</sup>**

Please change the paragraphs on page 4, line 14 through page 5, line 13 as follows:

*Q* The clear coat layer 14 is transparent or at least substantially transparent to visible light. Thus, for example, the clear coat layer is most preferably at least 90% transparent to visible light, and typically at least 95% transparent to visible light. Thus,